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**City of Stanley  
Town Hall Meeting  
June 5, 2012 – 5:30 pm**

The work session was called to order at 5:35 pm on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 in the Community Building.

**IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY:**

Mayor Herb Mumford, Council President Steve Botti, Councilwoman Melinda Hadzor, Councilwoman Laurii Gadwa, Councilman Lem Sentz, and City Clerk Doug Plass.

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Charlie Thompson, Ellen Libertine, Amy Klingler, Barbara Garcia

**PIONEER PARK PLANNING**

Council President Botti provides an introduction to the format suggested for the meeting, and suggested that due to the size of the group, a more informal approach may be best.

Mayor Mumford presents some of his goals for park planning. He states that the City of Stanley is interested in working with the owners and managers of the Mountain Village properties to officially designate the current winter trail and prospective summer trail across the properties. He says that discussions have begun with Gary Nelson of Mountain Village to that end. He is also working with ITD for the use of Airport property adjacent to the park, and is confident that there will be no issues with ground level use, such as a trail system in that area.

Council President Botti presents the 1991 park plan to the group, noting that some aspects were completed, while others were not. He then presents the plans created by students in Professor Toru Otawa's Landscape Architecture Design Class from the University of Idaho, stressing that while each individual plan may have shortcomings, the ideas presented are useful, and we may pick and choose which ones we like best.

A document including the recommendations of the Stanley Gem Committee is also presented including recommendations that the plan include an integrated trail system with the town, improved infrastructure, accommodation of current uses, and improvements that can be integrated with current uses in sensible ways.

The entire group then begins a discussion of the individual uses of the park, with the results summarized below:

- An outdoor amphitheater – it is agreed that although it may not be a current priority, it is something that would be a benefit in the long term. Items to consider include choosing a location that is better suited than from the 1991 plan. Specifically, the amphitheater should be located away from traffic areas to minimize acoustic issues. A location in the southern area of the park is suggested.
- Community Garden – The participants agree that the current location is not ideal, and that a more suitable one would include better protection from wind,

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south facing aspects, and easier access from the school to include the schoolchildren in garden activities.

- Ice Rink Area– Although the placement of the ice rink is deemed acceptable, the related area needs improvement. In particular, it is suggested that the maintenance sheds be either moved or reconstructed to a location nearer to the town where they will not inhabit prime real estate in the park nor block the view corridor. A large parking area could then be built for use by ice rink users. This parking could also serve as overflow for the Meditation Chapel and could provide access to the regional trail system if constructed. The movement of the sheds may mean that storage in the covered picnic shelter needs to be expanded to include all park maintenance items.
- Dog Park – several design concepts included a dog park, which the participants feel unnecessary.
- Restroom Facilities – increase in park use by the construction of the Redfish lake trail will require the expansion of restroom facilities at the park, either near the ice rink, or in the current picnic area.
- Local Trails – A trail network which connects the town to the park both on the west and east sides of the park is suggested. It is important to include adequate signage at all access points to these trails, both in the park and in town.
- Redfish Trailhead – Parking should be kept out of view corridor. Potential trail use needs to be determined. The City may want to work with USFS in the development and implementation of a survey to find this out.
- Events area – It is suggested that an events area other than the ballfield would be useful. The ice rink area could be developed for this purpose.
- Infrastructure – The water facilities will likely need to be expanded. An additional well may be needed. A sprinkler system is desirable, and improved restrooms should be considered as well. Also, a sewer line ought to run up to the park and does not currently. Electrical service will need to be expanded to include any new facilities as well.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was called to a close at approximately 7:40 PM.

H. W. Mumford  
 Herb Mumford, Mayor

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 City Clerk, Doug Plass



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